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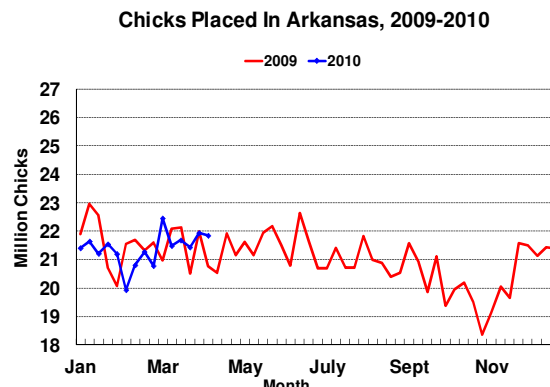
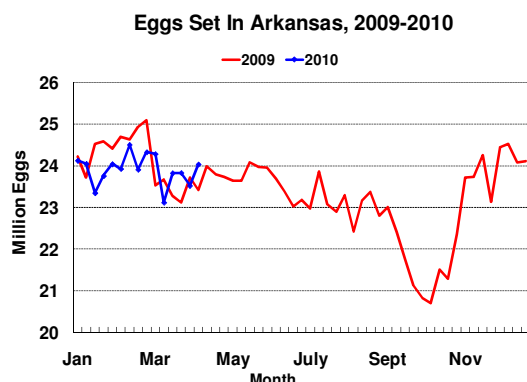


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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 5 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.8 million during the week ending April 10, 2010. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2009 but down slightly from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 10, 2010, up 3 percent from the same period last year and up 2 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, March 13, 2010 - April 10, 2010

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	3-Apr	10-Apr	13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	3-Apr	10-Apr
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,652	30,274 *	30,325	29,344	30,132	21,449	20,750	20,850	20,504	20,875
Arkansas	23,115	23,825 *	23,831 *	23,520 *	24,034	21,477	21,677	21,428	21,932 *	21,837
Delaware	3,782	3,615	3,709	3,771 *	3,782	4,581	4,994	4,391	4,672 *	4,602
Florida	1,303	1,316	1,343	1,350	1,342	1,030	1,029	1,076 *	972 *	944
Georgia	31,691	31,701	31,500	31,094	31,925	25,946	26,433	27,287	26,235	26,788
Kentucky	7,842 *	8,177 *	7,708	7,784	8,301	6,450	5,983	6,256	6,837	6,792
Louisiana	3,440	3,500	3,470	3,379	3,500	3,021	3,043	3,059	3,023	3,112
Maryland	8,856	9,141	9,089	8,965 *	9,058	6,115	6,069	6,223	6,099 *	7,083
Mississippi	19,156	19,503	19,405	19,204	18,939	16,809	16,891	16,766	16,463	17,013
N. Carolina	18,767	18,480 *	18,743	18,654	18,464	15,790	15,610	15,853	15,705	15,089
Oklahoma	6,866	6,986 *	7,137	6,880 *	7,209	4,658	4,286	4,347	3,290	5,179
Pennsylvania	3,839	3,743	3,791	3,716 *	3,874	3,023	2,993	2,943	2,996 *	3,004
S. Carolina	5,640	6,048	5,990	5,735	5,770	4,841	4,810	4,114	4,775	5,416
Texas	15,590 *	15,545 *	14,762 *	15,568 *	15,548	13,395 *	13,223 *	12,840 *	12,984 *	13,021
Virginia	6,543	6,412	6,178	6,466	6,527	5,212	5,052	5,328	5,316	4,840
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,481 *	19,129 *	18,743 *	18,939 *	19,573	16,386 *	17,096 *	16,417 *	16,697 *	16,961
19 State Total	205,563 *	207,395 *	205,724 *	204,369 *	207,978	170,183 *	169,939 *	169,178 *	168,500 *	172,556
Prev. Year Total	203,072	200,382	199,817	203,634	203,036	169,505	170,633	167,014	168,980	166,390
% of Prev. Year	101	103	103	100	102	100	100	101	100	104

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 10, 2010. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 10, 2010. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through April 10, 2010 were 2.35 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.